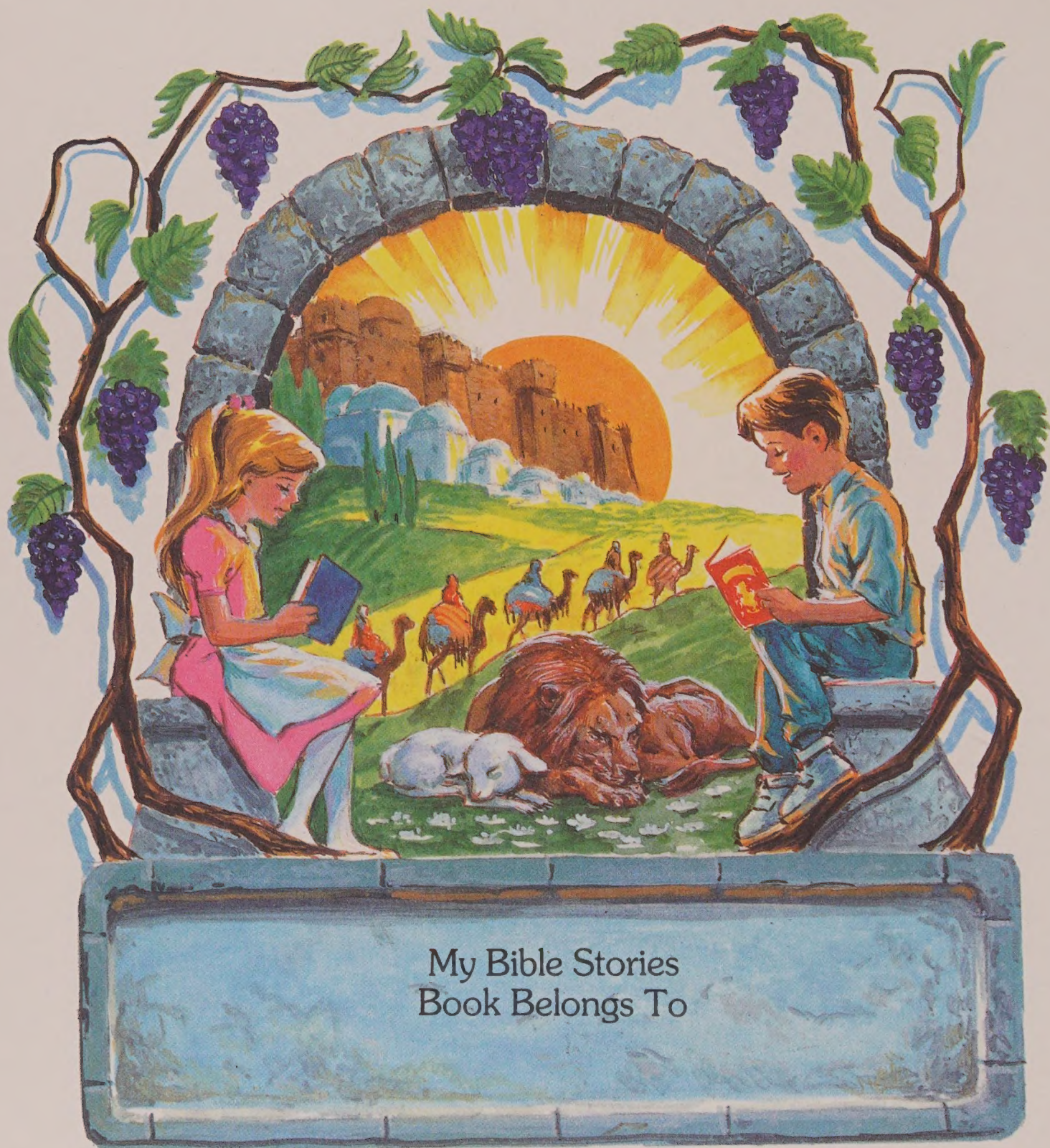


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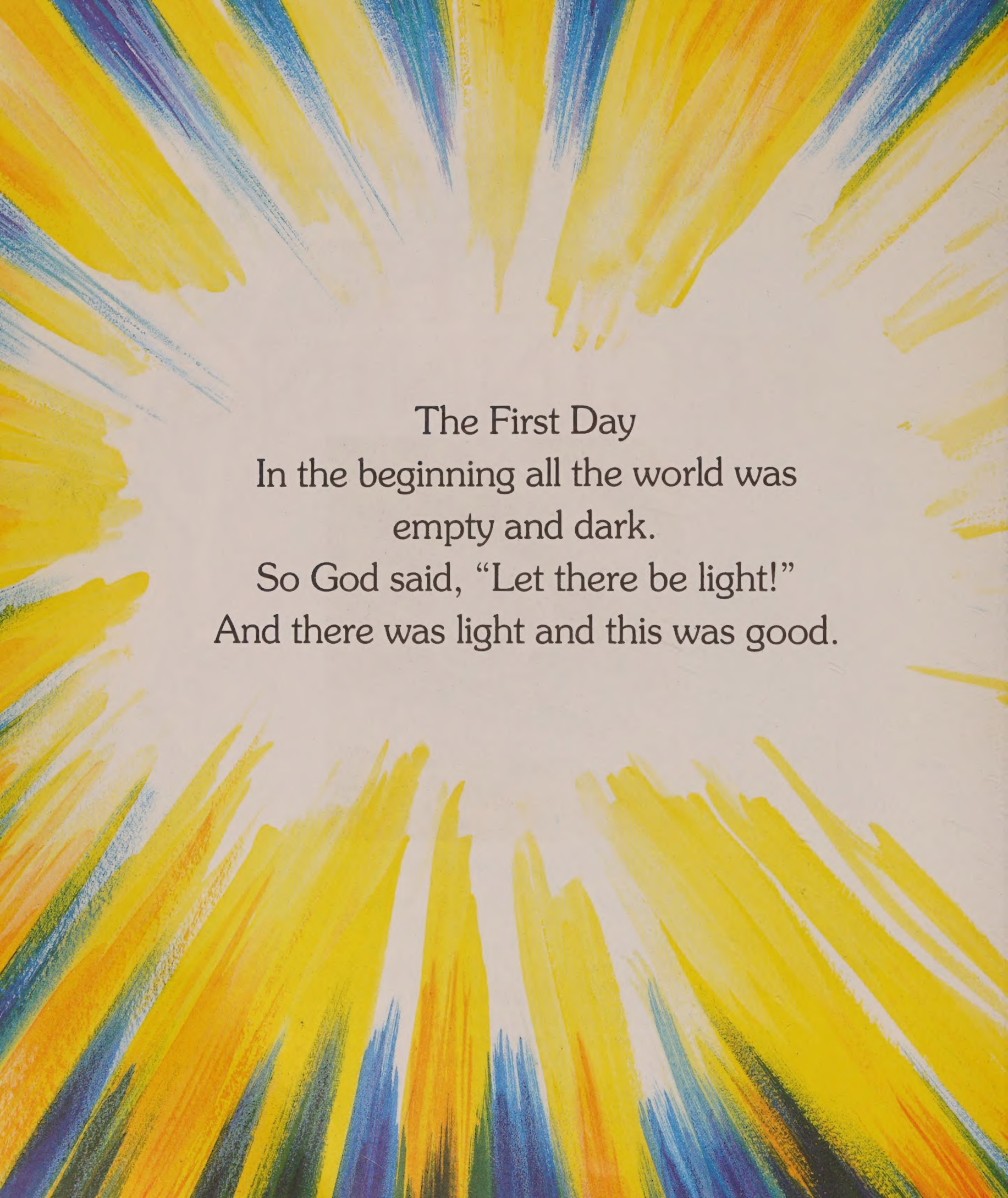


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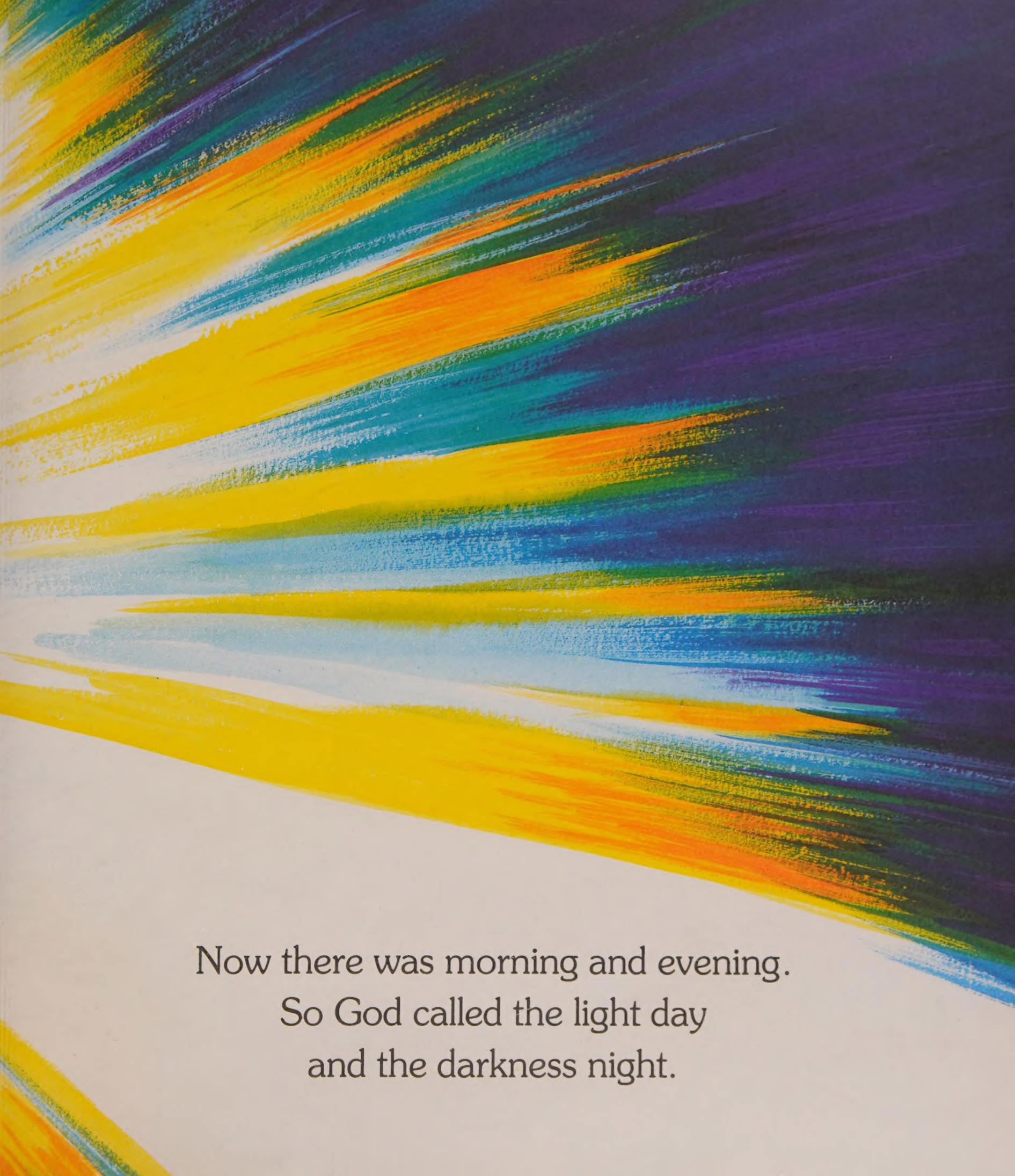
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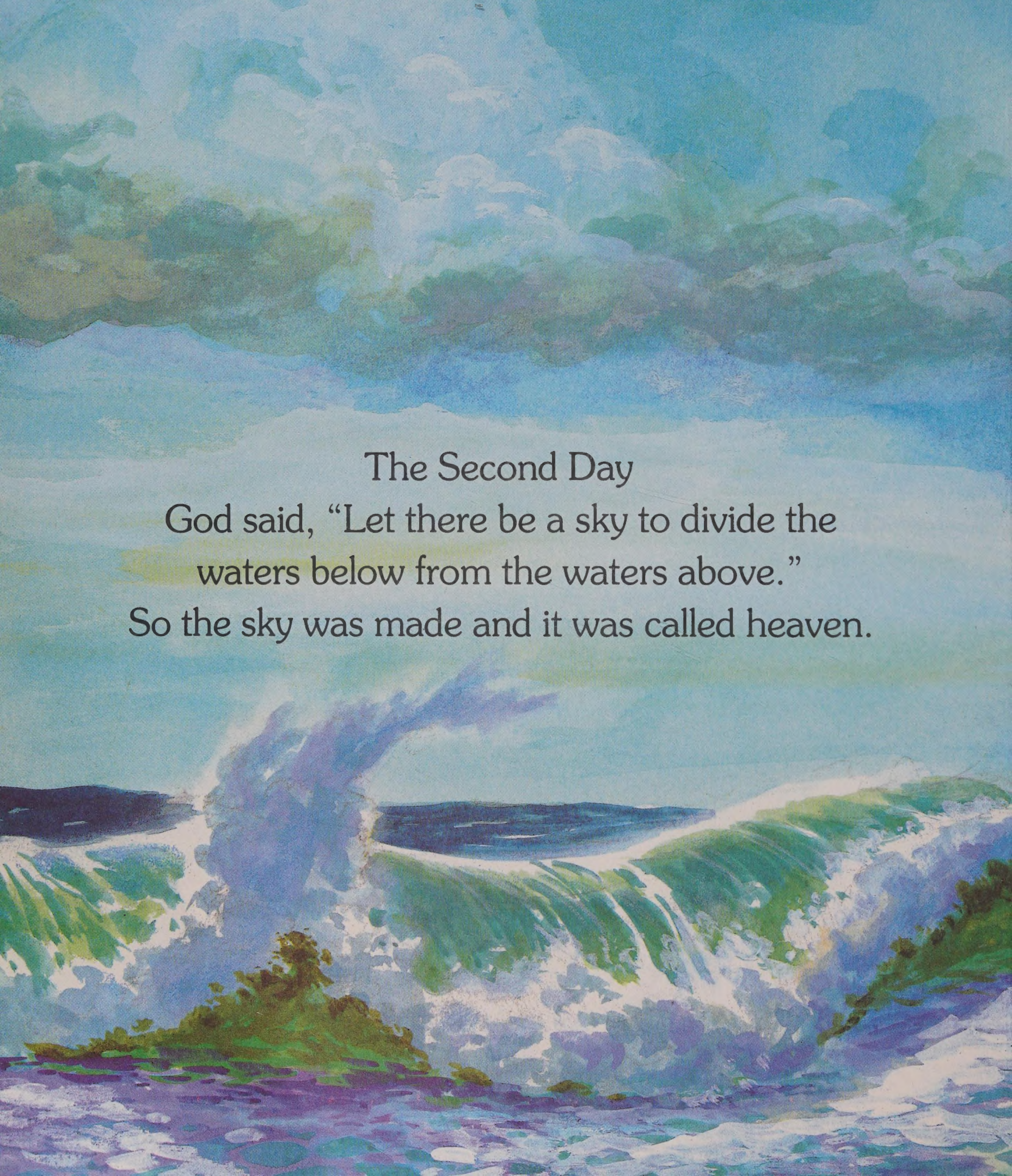
The First Day

In the beginning all the world was
empty and dark.

So God said, "Let there be light!"
And there was light and this was good.



Now there was morning and evening.
So God called the light day
and the darkness night.



The Second Day

God said, "Let there be a sky to divide the waters below from the waters above."

So the sky was made and it was called heaven.

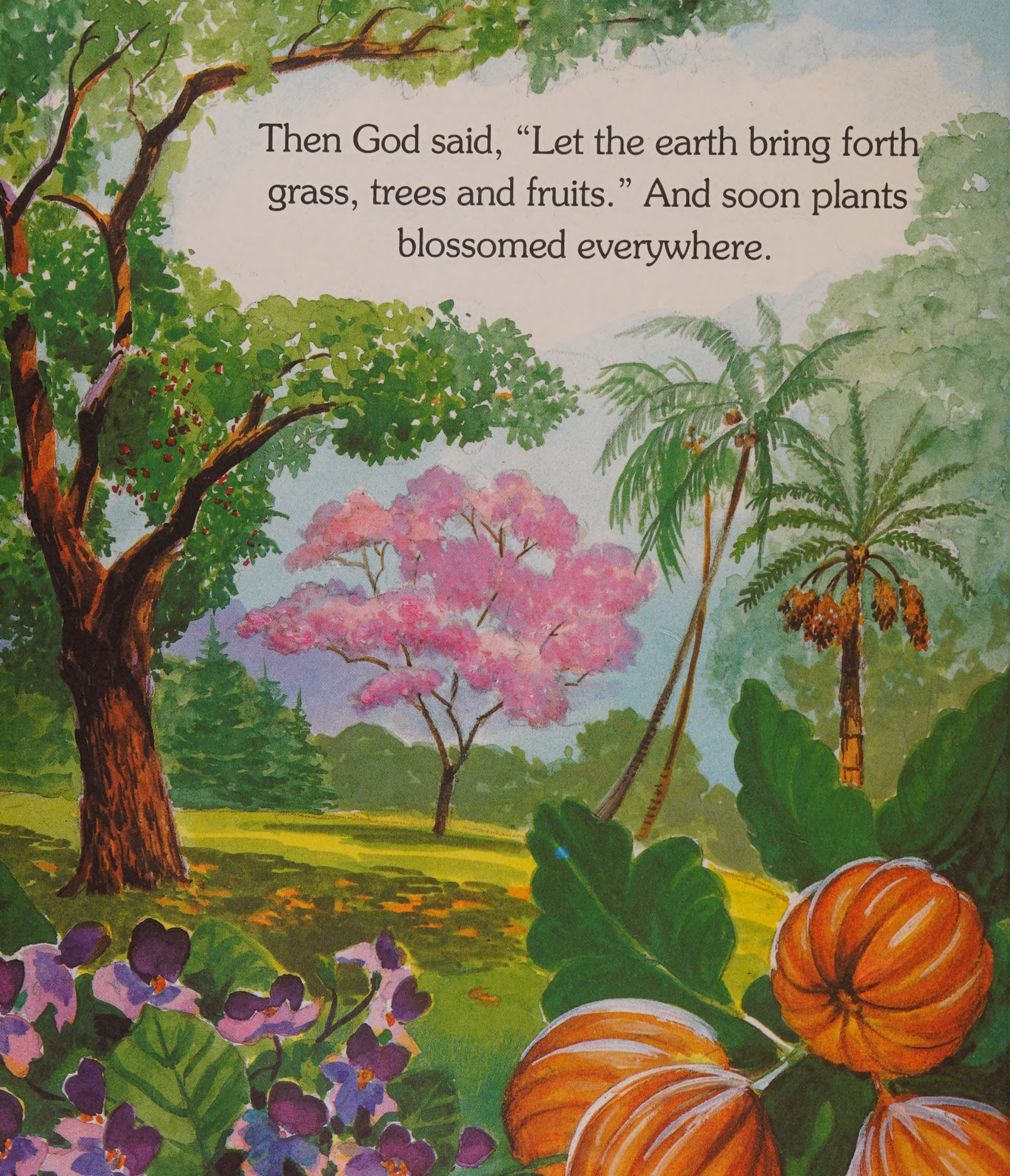
The Third Day

God said, "Let the waters be gathered
and let dry land appear."

So the water became seas and
the land was called earth.



Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth
grass, trees and fruits." And soon plants
blossomed everywhere.



The Fourth Day

God said, "Let there be lights in the sky to
give light to the earth."

So God made two great lights.



The greater light ruled the day.

The lesser light ruled the night.

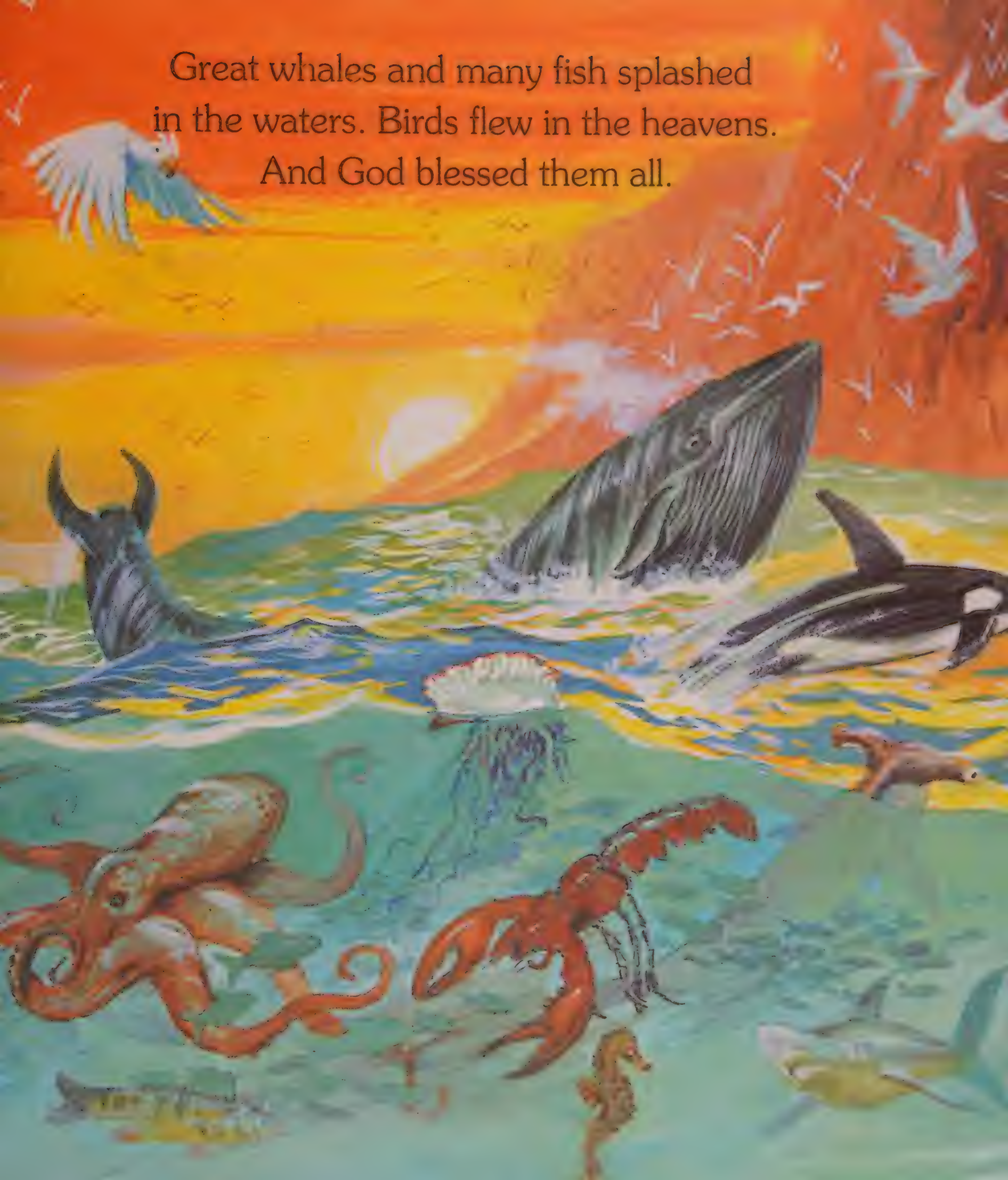
And then God made stars to shine in the night sky.

The Fifth Day

God said, "Let the waters bring forth many living, moving creatures and let birds fly in the heavens."



Great whales and many fish splashed
in the waters. Birds flew in the heavens.
And God blessed them all.

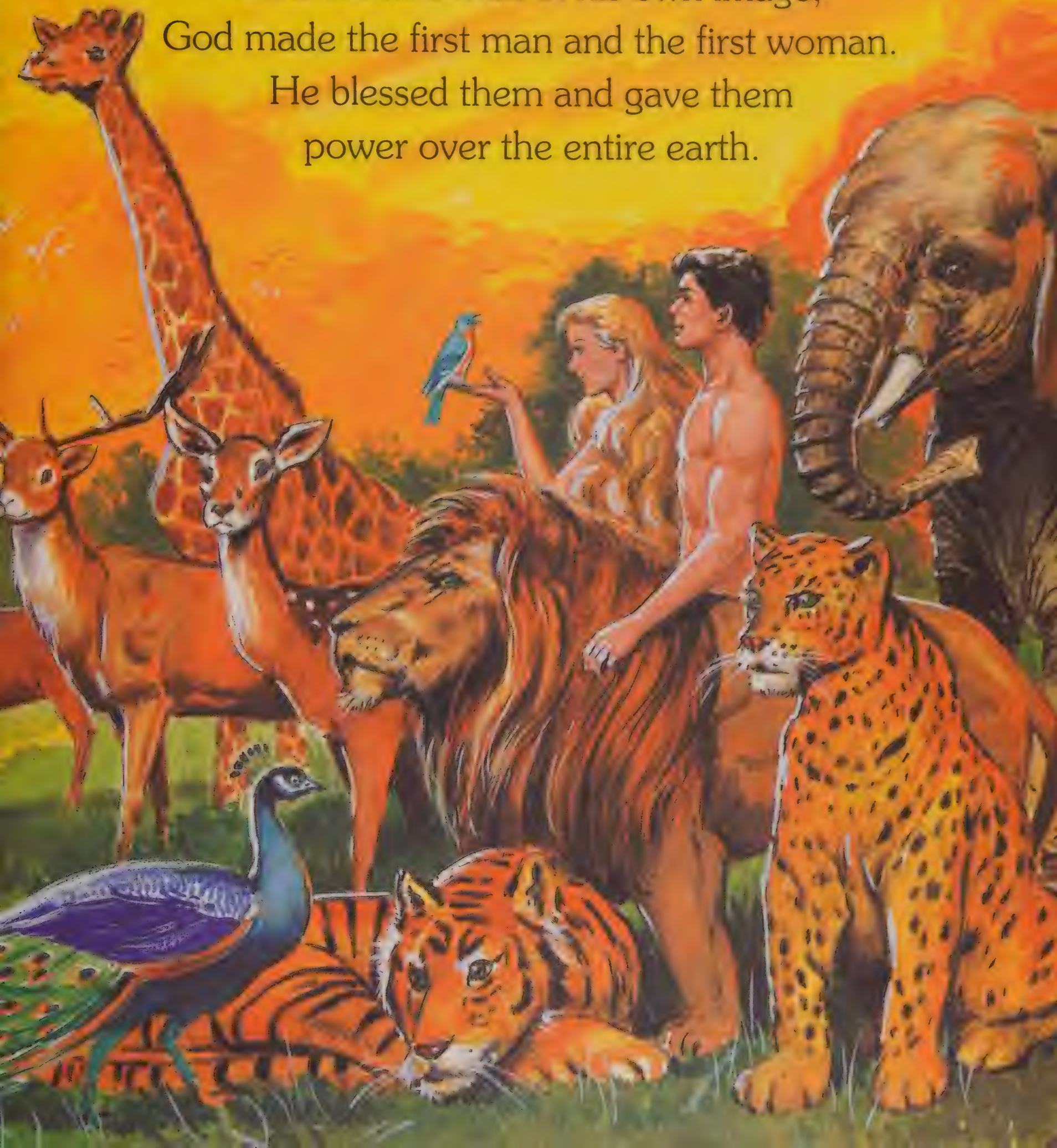


The Sixth Day

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, and let him have power over the fish and the sea and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth and everything that creeps upon it."



God created man in his own image;
God made the first man and the first woman.
He blessed them and gave them
power over the entire earth.

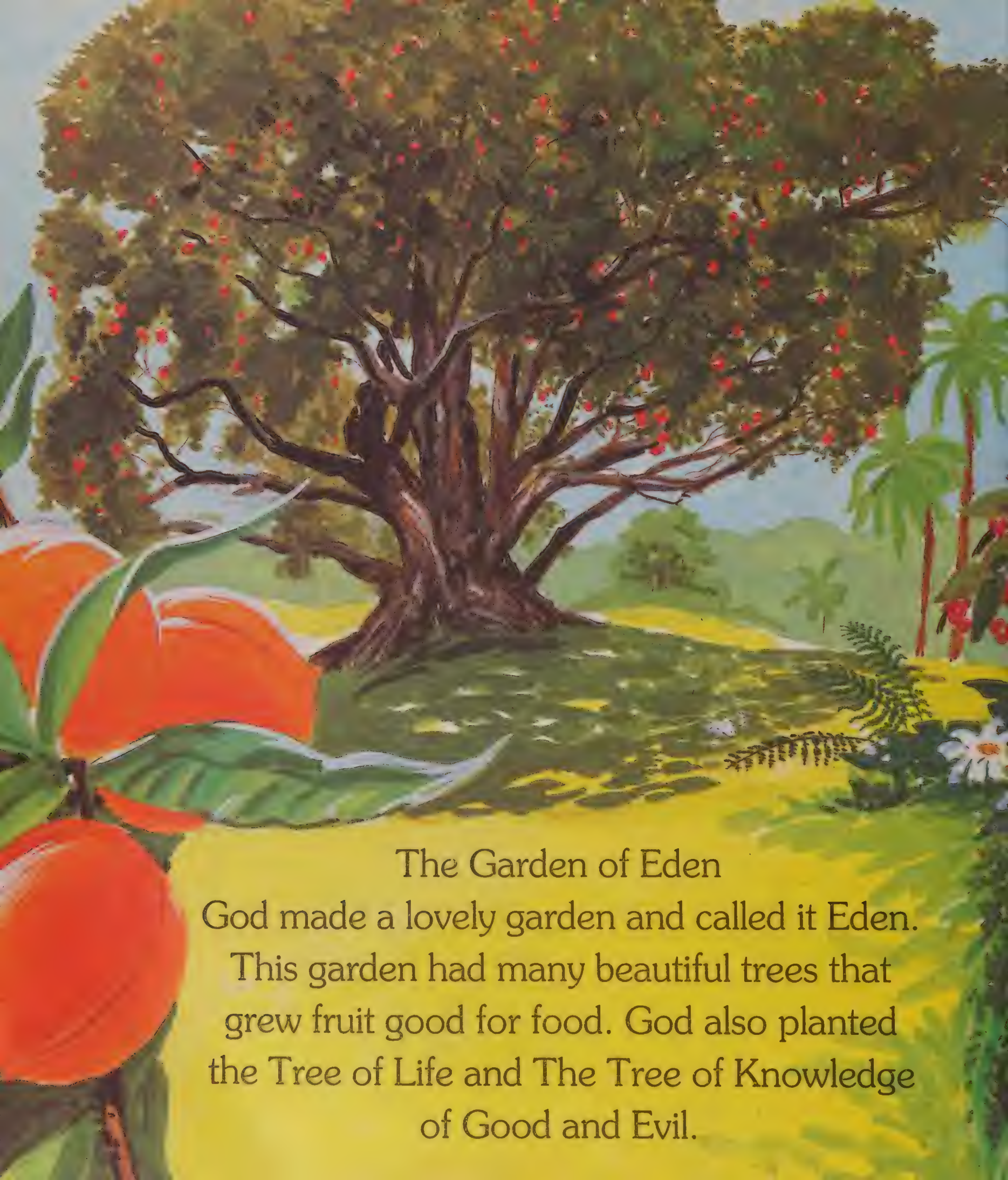


Then God looked at everything that he had made,
and he saw that it was good. The sky and the
earth were filled with life.



The Seventh Day
God rested from all his work, and
he blessed the day and made it holy.





The Garden of Eden

God made a lovely garden and called it Eden.

This garden had many beautiful trees that grew fruit good for food. God also planted the Tree of Life and The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

God took the first man, Adam, and the first woman, Eve, and put them in the Garden of Eden.



Then God told Adam and Eve, "You may eat the fruit of any tree in the garden except the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. If you eat this fruit, you will surely die!"

In Eden was a cunning serpent who one day crept up to Eve and said, “Did God really say that you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?”



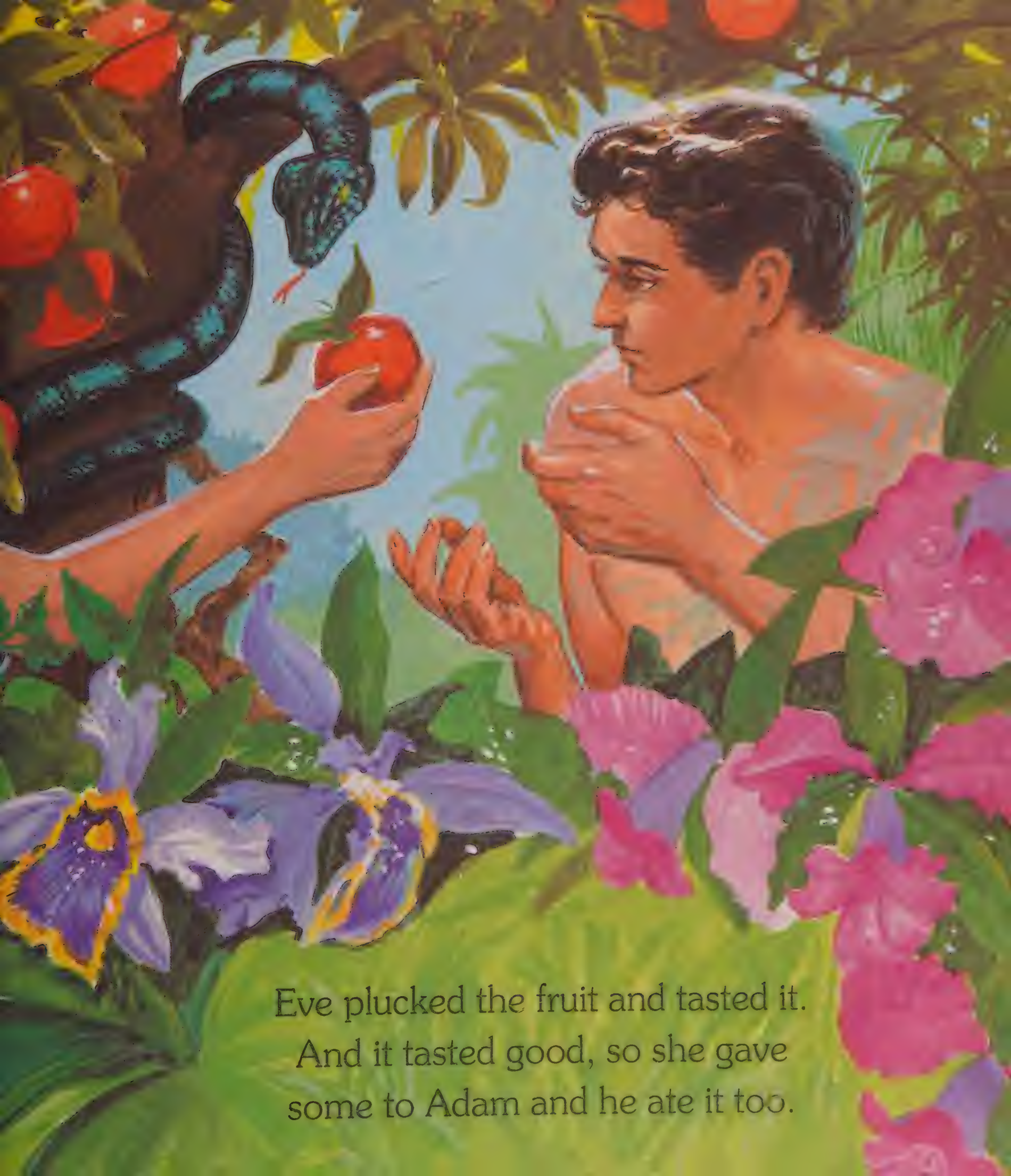
“No.” said Eve. “We may eat the fruit of any trees except from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.”



“That’s not true, you know,” hissed the serpent.
“God said that because He knew that if you ate
that fruit, then you would be as powerful as He is.”



Eve looked at the tree of Knowledge again
and saw how delicious its fruit looked.
“Perhaps a taste would not matter,” she said.
“It would be wonderful to know as much as God.”



Eve plucked the fruit and tasted it.
And it tasted good, so she gave
some to Adam and he ate it too.

Suddenly Adam and Eve realized what they had done.
They had disobeyed God and felt ashamed.
They knew they were naked; so they hid and made
clothes from fig leaves.





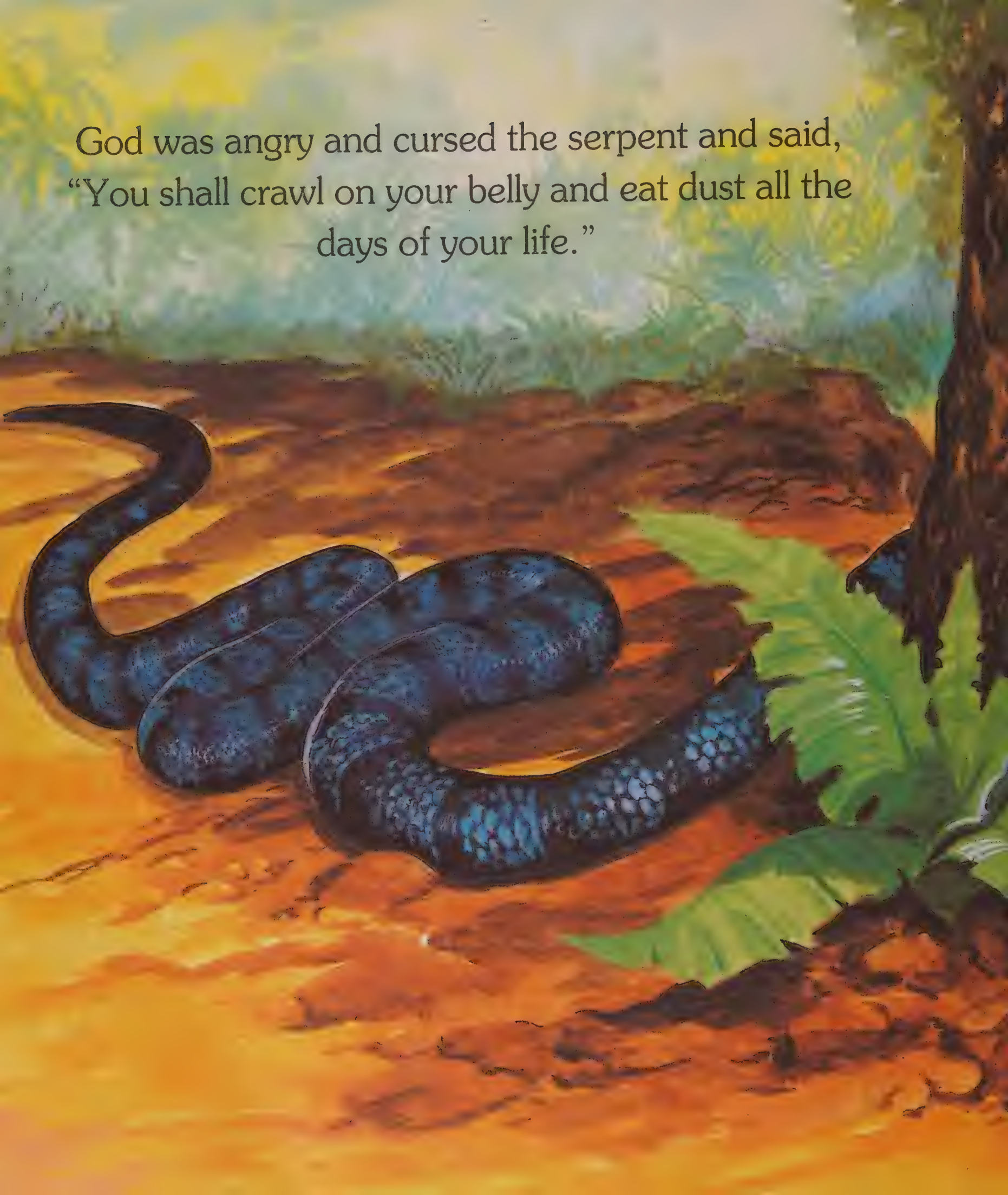


But God found Adam and Eve and asked,
“Have you tasted the fruit of the tree of
which I commanded you not to touch?”

Eve answered, “The serpent tempted me and I ate it.”

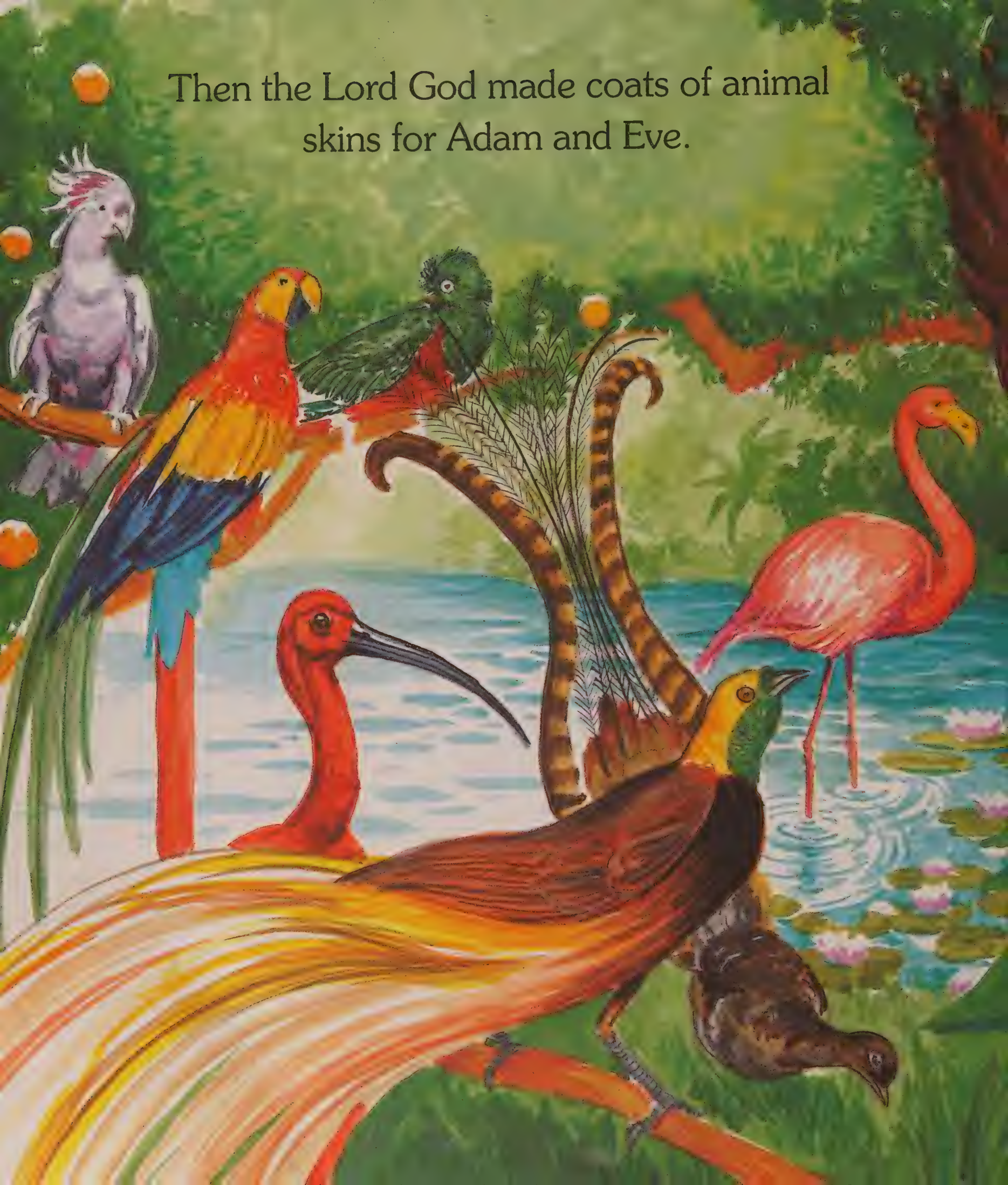


God was angry and cursed the serpent and said,
“You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust all the
days of your life.”





Then the Lord God made coats of animal
skins for Adam and Eve.





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